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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 5-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, said period of response being extended from March 26, 2003 to August 26, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$985.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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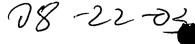
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing

Response to Restriction Requirement

Request for Extension of Time for 5 months and fee of \$985.00

Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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